

## General Assembly

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## Committee Bill No. 647

LCO No. 4582

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

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## AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BY STUDENTS AS OFFICIAL CHECKERS AT POLLING PLACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):
  - (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258 to the contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may be appointed as a challenger, voting machine tender or unofficial checker in an election and, after [serving as an unofficial checker in an election or as a candidate checker in a primary] attending poll worker training and receiving the permission of the principal of the school that the citizen attends, may be appointed as a checker. [in a subsequent election.]
  - (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436 or 9-436a to the contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and a bona fide resident of a town or political subdivision holding a primary may be appointed as a challenger, voting machine tender or

- 15 candidate checker in the primary and, after [serving as a candidate
- 16 checker in a primary or as an unofficial checker in an election]
- 17 attending poll worker training and receiving the permission of the
- 18 <u>principal of the school that the citizen attends</u>, may be appointed as a
- 19 checker. [in a subsequent primary.]

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

## Statement of Purpose:

To encourage young people to participate in the election process by serving as poll workers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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